

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019



## Trinity Lutheran Church

*We exist to share the good news of life through Jesus with the world and to nurture believers in their faith, all to the glory of God.*

## Trinity Lutheran School

*We exist to help families in Aberdeen and the surrounding communities by providing children with quality academic and Christ-centered education, in a loving and caring environment.*



## GOD'S CARE AND BLESSINGS WILL CONTINUE

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22 NIV 11).

Another 365 days have passed. Where did they go? It seemed just a little while ago that we brought in the new year and then entered into the Epiphany season. As the days passed, we enjoyed or in some cases tolerated the winter season. While winter was still in full force, we began Lent and thoughts of spring started to fill our minds. As we plodded through March, we started to grow tired of the snow and the cold and we longed for winter to breathe its last.

Finally, we celebrated our Lord's resurrection and spring started seeping through. Farmers were in the fields and we prayed for needed moisture. We celebrated confirmation and graduations and soon we felt the warmth of the sun on our faces and we were grilling out and playing softball.

The temperatures got higher. We enjoyed our vacations and before we knew it, school was starting again. Soon the combines were in the fields and the temperatures were dropping and suddenly we were celebrating Reformation, and Thanksgiving was right around the corner.

December flew by with its flurry of activities. Before we knew it, the 365<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar was here again.

And now we are poised to do these things all over again. And so it goes, year after year after year—just as the Lord promised. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22 NIV 11).

Sometimes, the monotony can bother people. It's the same old thing, year after year. What's the point?

The point is that the true God keeps the world running in a regular and orderly way as he continues to accomplish his plans. And what are those plans?

He wants the message of salvation through his Son to be proclaimed to every soul under heaven so that people can enjoy his salvation

and honor him with their lives. Knowing this gives us confidence and a sense of purpose.

We enter 2019 knowing winter will eventually give in to spring and the heat of summer will soon follow. Harvest will come and then the winter snows will fall again.

As we start yet another year, we can be sure the Lord will keep the world running as it always has so that we can keep on enjoying his blessings and have the continued privilege of serving him. Until Jesus returns, it will always be that way.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We will take the Christmas decorations down on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6 PM. Please feel free to join us.

### **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes from your mailbox. If there is an error or you cannot find your envelopes, please let Penny know.

### **CALLED WORKER APPRECIATION AND NEW MEMBER DINNER**

On Sunday, January 27, we will have a special fellowship meal for our called workers and new members. Please bring a dish and a salad or dessert to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. We will begin our meal at 11:20 AM. At this time we will consider the blessings the Lord gives us through those who serve in the public ministry. We will also give a special welcome to all who have joined our congregation during the previous year. Please join us.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome two new members to Trinity, Brian Beckman and Brock Sperry. Brian and Brock have completed the Bible Information Class and will be joining us as communicant members. We thank the Lord for bringing them to us and also ask the Lord to keep them faithful. We pray our congregation will be a blessing to them and that they also will be a blessing to us.

### **EVANGELICAL HERITAGE VERSION**

The Evangelical Heritage Version translation of the Bible is nearing completion. Northwestern Publishing House is allowing people to pre-order copies of this new translation at a discount. If you would like to pre-order copies of the EHV, there is a the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

We need to start compiling the annual report for the year 2018. If you are responsible for a report, please start the process of preparing one. Please have your report to Pastor Rawerts by January 20th.

### **BOYS' BASKETBALL WINTER CLASSIC**

Trinity's "Winter Classic" basketball tournament will be Friday and Saturday, January 11-12 2019, in the Trinity gym. The tournament is made up of mainly 6th grade teams. Games will start at 5:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday - with a total of 12 games being played. If you would like to help out with our tournament, please speak with Mr. Aaron Kjenstad. Help in the concession stand is needed. Look for a sign up sheet on the table outside of church.

**BARS FOR TOURNAMENT CONCESSIONS**



We are looking for donations of bars to sell at the Boys' Winter Classic Basketball Tournament, January 11 – 12,

2019. Please do not cut the bars, and please label anything that may have peanut butter or nuts of any kind.

The bars may be dropped off at the church kitchen on Friday, January 11. Thank you.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING**

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held January 27, 2019, beginning at 10:15 AM.

**Help Needed**

Offerings to our Local Account are down. Our regular expenses are paid from the local account. We could use some help to build this account back up. Please keep this in mind as you prayerfully consider offerings.

**APPAREL STORE ONLINE**

Trinity Lutheran School is now selling school apparel online. Go to: [teamlocker.squadlocker.com](http://teamlocker.squadlocker.com) and click on "Find Your Store" near the top right, enter "Trinity Lutheran," and select "Trinity Lutheran Tornadoes" to begin shopping.

**E-GIVING INFORMATION**

We trust that members who have enrolled in e-giving enjoy the convenience and ease of the process. As a reminder if you would still like to participate in the offering during the service – either write "I give electronically" on the outside of your offering envelope or contact Al or Penny and request an "I give electronically"

card to drop in the offering plate. This is by no means required but gives an option to folks who would still like to participate in the physical offering process. It is personal preference.

**SERVICES ON THE INTERNET**

People are now able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, [trinityaberdeen.org](http://trinityaberdeen.org) and click on 'Church Service Videos'.

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
NEWSBYTES**

*God continues to richly bless Trinity Lutheran School! Here are some recent notes and news related to our school.*

**PTO WINTER FUN**

Sunday, January 20, the PTO will have their winter get-together. This year will be an afternoon of bowling. Please meet at the Village Bowl from 2-5 p.m. Students, families and friends can enjoy fellowship and bowling. We would ask that everyone bring a snack to pass.



**BAND**

In conjunction with the AARC, the TLS students in grades 4-8 will have the opportunity to take instrument lessons at Trinity. The lessons will be \$63.90 each month. A registration form was sent home with your student. If you have any questions see Miss Schwark.

## **BOX TOPS**



As you are shopping and baking this time of the year, don't forget to clip out those Box Tops! Put them in groups of 50 and place them in a baggie or just bring them (in any amount), anytime and give them to Ms. Cooper or Mrs. Biegler.

## **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

Please remember to turn in your grocery receipts from Ken's and Kessler's. The proceeds from the receipts are used to purchase special items for our school. There is a box for the receipts on the bulletin table.

## **CHRISTMAS LINGERS ON**

Sometimes, January brings a little bit of a letdown. Presents are put away. Friends and relatives are gone. The fun and excitement of the holiday season is over. We're back to the regular hum-drum of everyday life.

And yet, as Christians we can take some of that holiday spirit with us. Even though the holiday season might be done, Christmas lingers on. By the grace of God, we know the true reason for celebrating Christmas. We have been rejoicing because God sent his Son to save me from the punishment I deserve because of my sins and to give me life that will last forever. I am sure of God's love at all times and I know the Lord is always blessing me in the way that is truly best for me.

Those are blessings we enjoy all the time, not simply on December 25. Jesus is my Savior and my Lord every day. The holiday celebration might be over, but the blessings of Christmas linger on. David says, "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6 NIV 84).

That means the joy of Christmas can continue even after the holiday season is over. Even in doldrums of January, I'm still rejoicing because God sent his Son for me. In the warm, spring sunshine, I'm glad that my Savior came for me. Even in the dog days of August, I'm happy that Jesus brought me salvation. When I struggle through tough times, I'm glad I have a Savior to cling to, a Savior who will help me through all things.

The holiday season might be over, but still Christmas lingers on. The love the Lord shows me, and the joy I find in him, move me to respond with love and thanks every day, not just on December 25. Every day provides me another opportunity to live for my God in joyful response to blessings he gives me through that baby born in Bethlehem.

The holiday season might be over, but Christmas lingers on. Every day I am blessed because of Christmas. Every day I can be filled with the joy I had on Christmas.

